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Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

Filed : August 31, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 501082.04 (98-0616.03)

Art Unit : 2815

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Jose R. Diaz

Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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During a review of the file for the above-identified application, applicant's representative discovered that a signed copy of the PTO-1449 filed on January 8, 2004, has not been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Enclosed are copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and date-stamped postcard indicating that the

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 14, 2004.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 903-8787 should there be any questions regarding this request.

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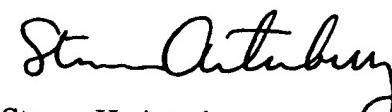
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A fee of \$180 is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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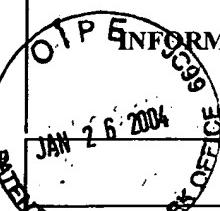
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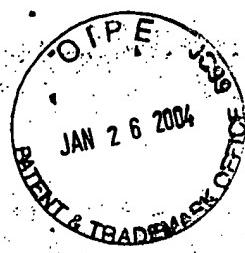
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